Policemen Fired For Klan Links

CHICAGO, April 5, (AP) — The civilian police board today dismissed three city policemen from the force for their connection with the Ku Klux Klan.

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Former policeman Donald Heath, admitted Grand Dragon of the Chicago chapter of the Klan, and two other former policemen, William Plogger, 43, and Ernest Semet, 33, were permanently dismissed from the force on grounds of conduct bringing discredit to the force, failure to obey orders, and general inefficiency and incompetency.

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Policeman Accused of Plot on Daley

CHICAGO, Feb. 29 (AP)—A policeman testified today that a fellow officer, head of the Ku Klux Klan in Illinois, discussed ways of assassinating Mayor Richard J. Daley of Chicago and high police officials.

Policeman James Tobin testified at a police board hearing into whether Policeman Donald Heath, now under suspension, should be fired. Heath denied Tobin's allegations.

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Tobin said Heath told him a speeding car could fire a bazooka rocket into the living room of the Daley home, where the Mayor likes to relax in a lounge chair near a front bay window.

Heath bragged that he knew the Mayor's bodyguards, Tobin said, and that would make the assassination easier.

Heath also discussed killing Deputy Police Supt. James M. Rochford, because he "didn't like the way Rochford handled riots and Capt. James Holzman "because he is Jewish," Tobin said.

The talk went no further, Tobin said, because Heath received orders from national Klan leaders to avoid violence in Chicago because of presidential aspirations of former Gov. George Wallace of Alabama.

Chicago's Racialists Warned

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CHICAGO, Dec. 29 (AP)—Mayor Richard Daley said today he was shocked at information that six Chicago policemen are members of the Ku Klux Klan. He vowed to rid the city government of any employes found to be involved with hate groups.

Meanwhile, the Police Department's internal investigation division and the Cook County (Chicago) state's attorney's office continued investigation of Klan efforts to recruit Chicago policemen.

Patrolman Donald Heath, 30, on the force six years, named by Police Superintendent James Conlisk as ringleader of the recruitment drive, was relieved of duty yesterday after a raid on his home uncovered a cache of weapons, ammunition and Klan literature.

Two others named as Klan members, Patrolmen Richard Stanton, 33, and Dennis Alsia, 25, resigned rather than face questioning about Klan activities, Conlisk said. A third, Jon Johansson, 26, resigned while being questioned.

Heath, Johansson and Stanton were assigned to the Fillmore district, a predominantly Negro area on the city's West Side. Alsoia was assigned to the Austin district, which also has a large Negro population.